

FIRE SAFETY FY2006

If you have questions concerning fire safety, call Mr. Curtis Snyder at extension 70236 or Mr. Darrell Brewer at 903-943-0038 or send them a mailman message. Fire safety questions or concerns at the Consolidated Mail Out Pharmacy (CMOP) or Ft. Worth may be directed to Mr. Brewer or Mr. Snyder at the extensions noted above.

Key points:

- 1) When responding to a fire the staff should remember the acronym RACE:
'Rescue' anyone in immediate danger, pull the nearest fire
'Alarm' and phone your health care system's fire emergency number;
'Contain' the fire and smoke by closing every door and window and
'Extinguish' the fire with the right type fire extinguisher, but
ONLY if you can do so without endangering yourself or others.
- 2) Fire drills and fire extinguishers are a very important part of fire safety. All staff should follow the same procedures for a drill as they do for a real fire. During fire emergencies or fire drills, use the acronym **RACE** and remember to close every door. Fire extinguishers are located throughout all health care system buildings.

The fire extinguishers are usually located in aisles, corridors and work stations. Ninety- eight (98%) percent of these extinguishers are the type ABC, dry chemical. Use the acronym **PASS** as a memory aid on how to use a fire extinguisher. PASS stands for **Pull** the pin, **Aim** the nozzle at the base of the fire, **Squeeze** the handle, and use a **Sweeping** motion from side to side.

- 3) When a fire emergency occurs, you should pull the alarm and call one of the emergency phone numbers in your area: Dallas VA 911, Bonham VA 911, and FWOPC 911. The emergency phone number for the (CMOP) is 911.